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HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION OF BELLEVILLE

A BRIEF Sketch of the early settlement of Belleville may possibly be of interest to her numerous friends and admirers and could not be better placed than as a preface to this handsome Souvenir.

The Township of Thurlow was surveyed by Louis Kotte in 1787, and during the following and succeeding years many refugee United Empire Loyalists began taking up land granted them by the Government.

Among the earliest arrivals were Capt. Singleton and Lieut. Ferguson of the Royal Reg't of New York, who secured Lots 5 and 6. Lot No. 4, intended for an Indian burying ground, was diverted from this purpose, and was, by instruction from the Legislature of Upper Canada, in 1816, surveyed by Mr. Wilmot and laid out in town lots.

The place in its earliest days of settlement was known as Singleton's River, it afterwards became known as Meyer's Creek, named after Capt. Walden Meyers, who erected the first mill on the river and has the distinction of having erected the first brick house in the Province of Upper Canada.

Shortly after the survey in 1816, a meeting of prominent residents was held in Mrs. Margaret Simpson's Inn, and it was decided to re-name the village and call it Belleville. About the same time, the river that flows through the centre of the town was named the Moira, in honor of the Marquis of Hastings, who also bore the titles of Earl of Moira and Lord Rawdon. The County of Hastings and Township of Rawdon derive their names from the same source. The Marquis was a distinguished British officer and held an important command during the American Revolution. The titles became extinct at his death.

Belleville became an independent municipality in 1836, was incorporated a town in 1850 and created a City in 1878.

Belleville is an ideal residential town. Situated at the mouth of the river just named, and on the shores of the Bay of Quinte, it occupies one of the finest sites in the Province. It has handsome residences and beautiful lawns. Its streets are well made and lined with rows of Maple and other shade trees, and in summer, when dressed in all its variegated foliage, it is without doubt the most charming spot in Canada.

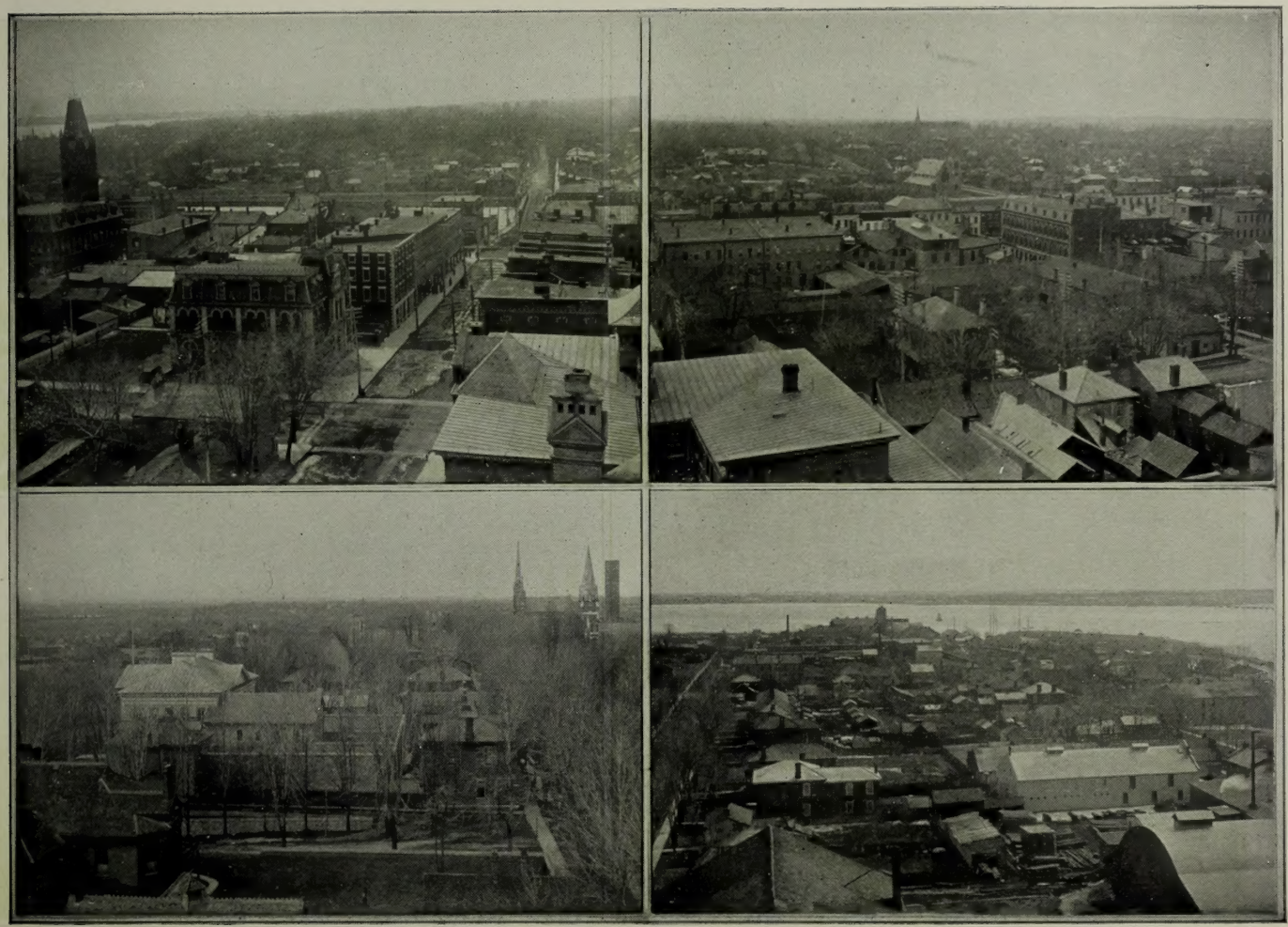
Belleville churches are handsome structures and its educational facilities are most advantageous. Here are located the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, maintained by the Ontario Government; Albert College, under the supervision of the Methodist Church; St Agnes Ladies School, in connection with the Church of England; the Ontario Business College; The Belleville Business College and the High and Public Schools, controlled by the Board of Education.

For the tourist, Belleville offers excellent opportunities for sight seeing. It has good and reasonable hotel accomodation. Steamboats touch daily at all ports on the Bay of Quinte, one of the most beautiful and picturesque sheets of water on the Continent, and whose shores are replete with historic incident.

The angler will find excellent sport in the waters of the Bay, which contains several varieties of game fish, including Black Bass and Maskinonge, which latter have been known to the weight of fifty-one pounds.

Visitors should not fail to take a trip on its waters and view its natural beauties and points of interest, among which may be mentioned the magnificent home erected through the efforts of Dr. Oronhyatekha for the orphan children of deceased members of the Independent Order of Foresters. The famed and mysterious Lake-on-the-Mountain at Glenora is another spot that will charm and excite wonder in all who first view it.

Owing to the density of the foliage on many of the residential streets which forms one of the most notable beauties of "Beautiful Belleville," it has been found almost impossible to get satisfactory photographs of some of the buildings which it was desired to picture in these pages and accounts for what may appear a trifle imperfect in some which are included.



Bird's Eye View of Belleville from Bridge Street Church Tower

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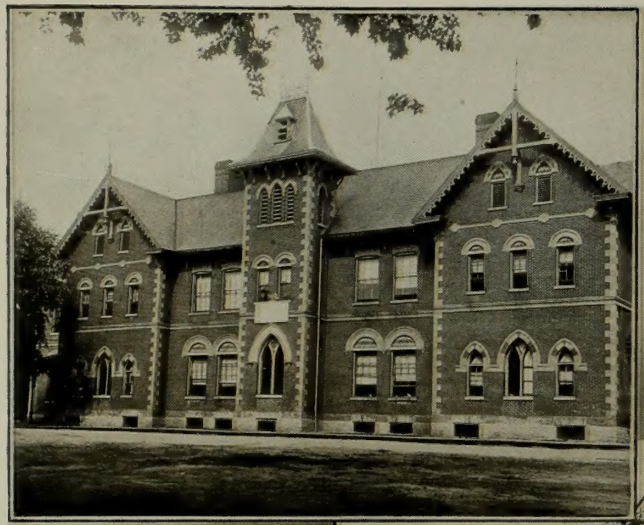
Belleville High School



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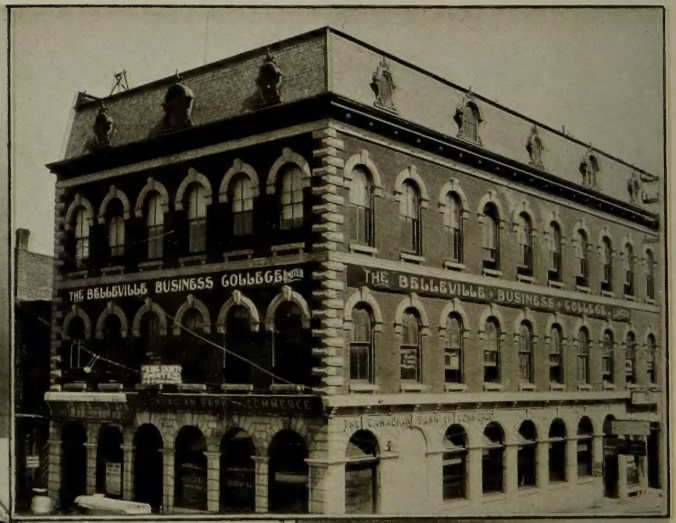


Ontario Business College

Albert College, Belleville, Ont.—Rev. Dr. Dyer, Principal

A City of Beautiful Residences and Well Kept Streets

Hastings County Court House

Post Office

City Hospital

St. Thomas Anglican Church

Bridge Street Methodist Church

Tabernacle Methodist Church

Holloway Street Methodist Church

St. John's Anglican Church

John Street Presbyterian Church

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Christ Church, Anglican

Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church

St. Michaels' Roman Catholic Church

Victoria Avenue Baptist Church

City Mission

Residence of Mr. R. J. Graham

Residence of Mr. F. R. Lingham

Residence of Dr. W. J. Gibson

Residence of Mrs. F. P. Mendell

Residence of Mrs. J. W. Dunnett

Residence of Dr. Goldsmith

Residence of Mr. T. S. Carman

Residence of Mr. J. P. C. Phillips

Residence of Mr. H. Corby

Residences of Mr. W. H. and Mr. M. C. Gordon

Residence of J. W. Johnson, F. C. A.

Residence of Mr. J. A. Phippen

Residence of Mr. S. Burrows

Residence of Mr. C. M. Reid

Residence of Col. S. S. Lazier

Residence of Mr. A. I. Bird

Residence of Mr. Geo. H. Pope

Church Street from Victoria Avenue

Charles Street from Queen Street

Residence of W. B. Northrup, K. C. M. P.

Residence of Mr. Jas. A. Roy

The Ontario Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb

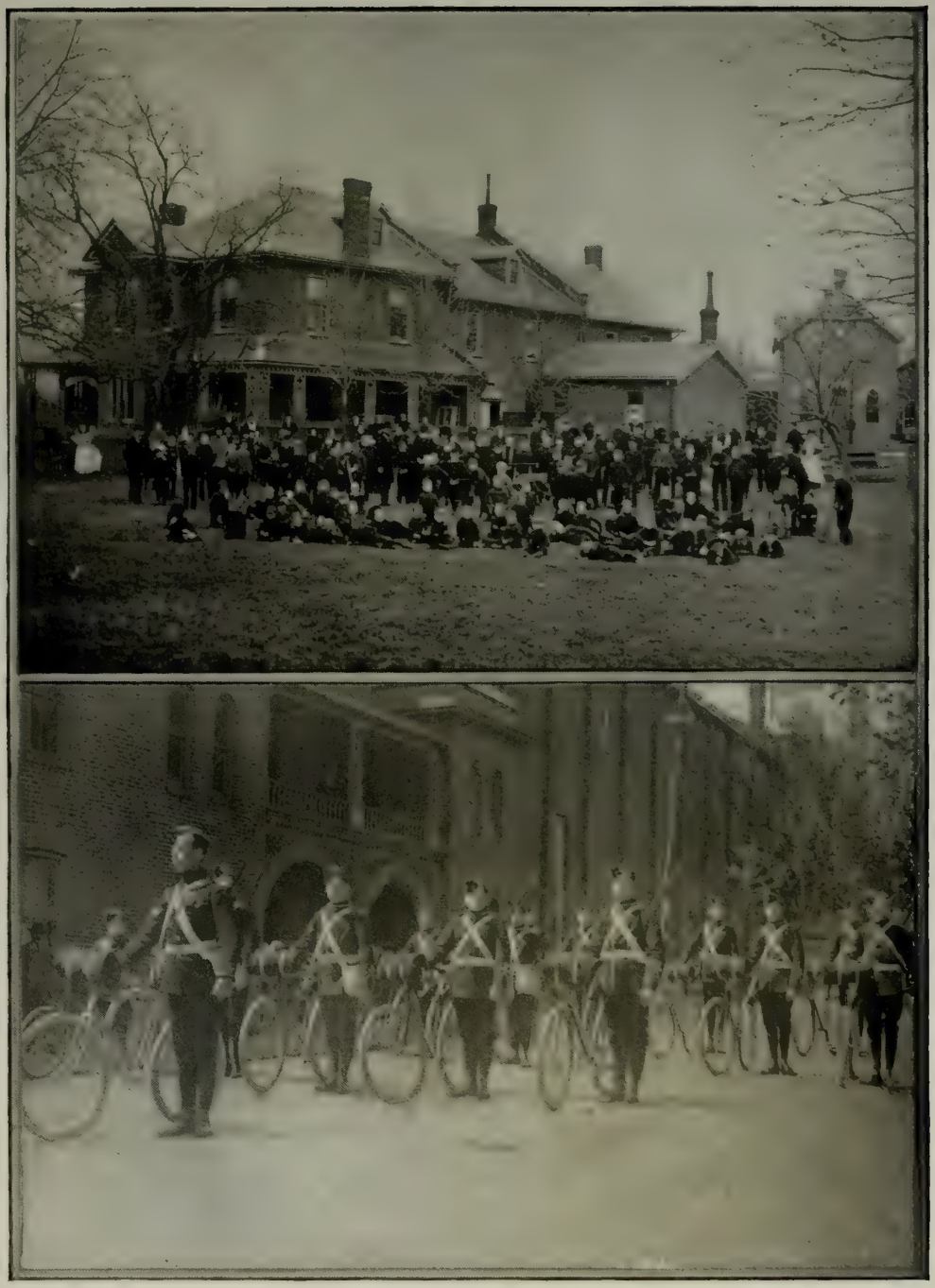
Hotel Quinte, the finest hotel between Montreal and Toronto

City Hall

Eighty out of Four Hundred and Fifty members of the 15th Battalion and 1st Belleville Rifles, who served on the St. Lawrence Frontier during the Fenian Raid of June, 1866

Mr. H. Corby's Offices, among the finest in Ontario

The Marchmont Home



The Bicycle Corps in connection with the 15th Battalion A. L. I.
The first time bicycles were used as an adjunct to the Militia in Canada. This Corps has a record to be proud of.

The Bay of Quinte Bridge

Connecting the Counties of Hastings and Prince Edward at Belleville—the longest Bridge in Ontario ; the iron superstructure being 1,869 feet long

The Belleville Rolling Mills

Front Street

At Massassaga Park, a favorite Summer Resort three miles from Belleville

Along Pleasant Drives and Shady Nooks

Viva—Owned by Sanford Burrows

Yoda—Owned by Philip H. Wills

Pando—Owned by Fred W. Burrows
Vera—Owned by R. H. Fenwick

Sailing Canoe, Owned by W. J. Cook

Retta—Owned by Levin Hyman

"ON THE BAY OF QUINTE, THE PRETTIEST SHEET OF WATER IN ONTARIO"

Main Building

In the Grounds

St. Agnes Church School for Girls

Patron, the Lord Bishop of Ontario. Full courses from kindergarten to university preparation. Special courses in music, art, languages and physical culture. Founded in 1903, mainly through the efforts of Mrs. F. R. Lingham, the present managing director. Miss F. E. Carroll, principal.

John Bell, K. C.
General Counsel Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada since it was built, a period of over 50 years

Hon. R. P. Roblin
Premier of Manitoba

Rev. Dr. Carman
General Superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada

Sir Gilbert Parker
Novelist and Member of the Imperial House of Commons

Sir Mackenzie Bowell, K. C. M. G.
Ex-Premier of Canada

"WORLD KNOWN BELLEVILLIANS"

Residence of Capt. Myers. The first brick house built in Upper Canada. Erected about 1793.

Front Street in the Sixties

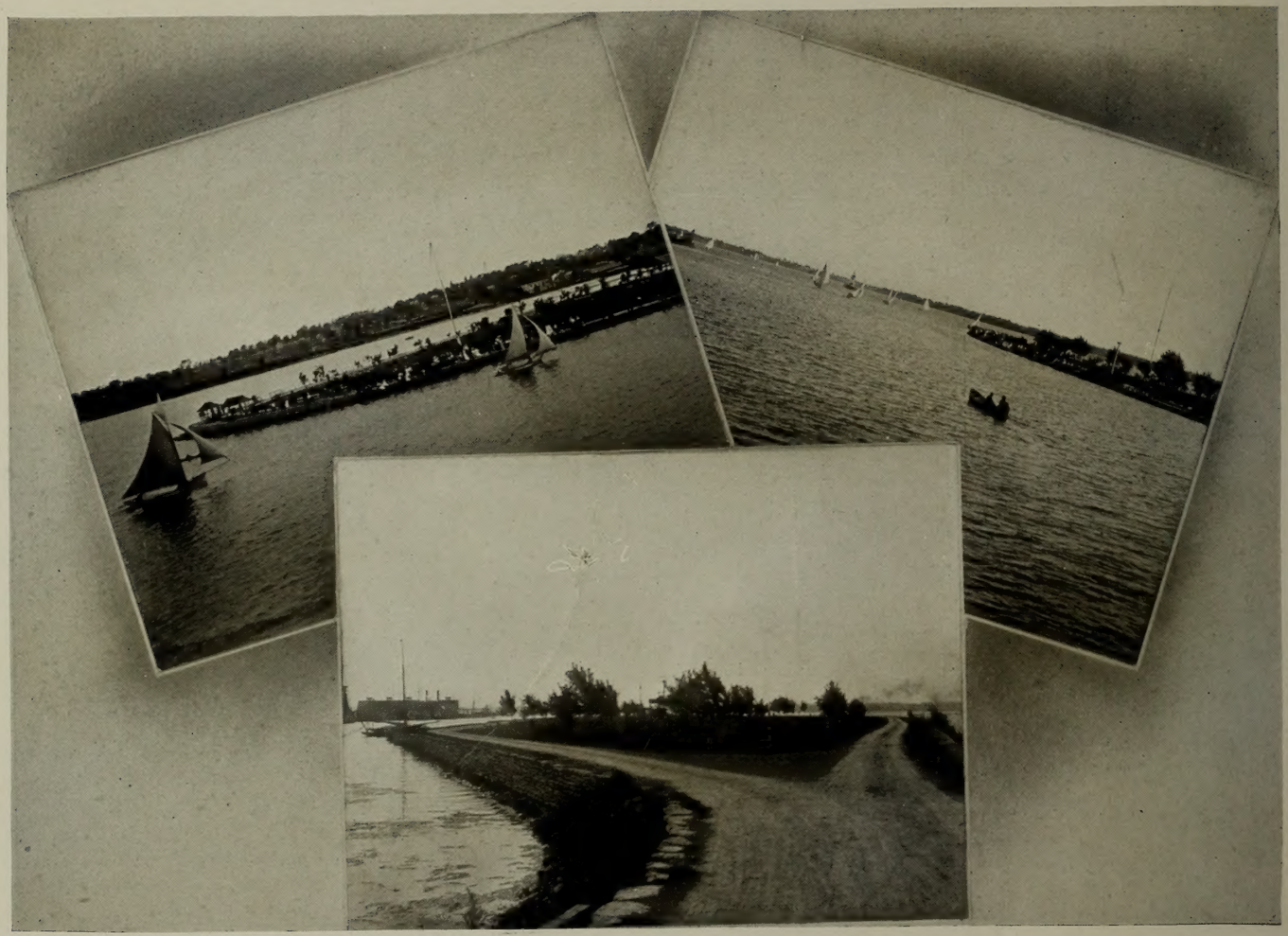
Moira Street, Showing the original Christ Church

Old Time View from City Hall

"SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT"

Belleville Portland Cement Company's Works
The first Rock Cement Mill in Canada. Capacity 1200 barrels a day.

Our Offering to the Sportsman



Queen Victoria Park